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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir:

Before calculating the filing fee, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 6, line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 7, line 2, delete "in one of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 2, delete "in one of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 2, delete "in one of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is presented to avoid fees for multiple dependent claims. Applicants reserve the right to

submit such additional claims as may be necessary to fully protect the invention.

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